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1 hold that Christian grace ab Where charity is soon; that when ... When we slimb to heaven, 'tie on the

of love to men. I hold all'ales named plety, A selfish scheme, a vain pretense; Where centre is not, can there be

This I moreover hold, and dare Affria where'er my rhyme may go, Whatever things be sweet or fair

Laves makes them me. Whether it be the initables.
That charm to rest the occiling bird,
Or that sweet confidence of highs.
And blushes without word—

Whether the darrling and the Bush Of seftly sumptuous garden bowers, Or by some cabin door a bush Of ragged flowers.

'Tie not the wide phylastery, Nor stubbers fast, nor stately prayers, That make us saints; we judge the tree By what it bears.

And when a man can live apart From work, on theologie taust, I know the blood about his heart le dry as duet.

#### THE PEAR;

Its Culture in Western Texas BY G. ONDERDONK, OF THE MISSION VALLEY NURSERIES.

The many letters of inquiry upon the subject of pear culture in Western Texas have led me to communicate

through your paper.

Many speak as if the terms "dwarf" and "standard" indicates the class or variety of the fruit. We make our dwarf pear by grafting the pear wood upon the quince stock. Our standard pear trees are made by grafting the pear wood on seedling pear stocks. So that any variety may be produced cither as dwarf or standard at pleasure, according to the roots used as stocks. The character and quality of the fruit of most varieties is unaffected by the circumstance of its having been grown upon either dwarf or standard trees. The advantage of dwarfing is that many varieties will bear as dwarfs at from three to eight years of age, while, as standards, the same varieties would not become profitably productive until twelve or fifteeen years of age. There are, however, varieties which do not become early bearers by dwarfing, and there are varieties which will even bear earlier as standards and should, therefore, never be dwarfed, and we have one variety, the Duchess de Augouleme, which not only bears younger, but makes fluer fruit as a the dwarf trees are expected to fail, to die of old age at from sixteen to trees are young at fifty years, and there are many sound, healthy and two hundred years old. We have said this much as preliminary for the benefit of those who are not acquaint ed with the facts we have recited.

Many farmers insist that this is not a pear country. They have seen many pear trees planted which were not of the proper varieties to succeed here, or may have seen them planted in a spot where the best pear trees in the world would have failed, or they may have watched the decay of trees that had become diseased during the abuses incident to their passing from one dealer to another, and because these trees failed they have rashly concluded that this is not a pear country. But let these persons get trees from the hands of a man who raised them in this country, and who knows how to produce a sound and vigorous treeone who knows what varieties to give them, and let them plant well upon suitable ground, giving them suitable care, and he will find, to his delight, countries in the world. It has often fruit so very eccentric as the pear. the loaf. The real truth is that there is no fruit so requiring. Falure to heed these re-

er varieties absolutely , demanded. Ingerseit on the Flori fin Thus we find it strangely true that while there are the ment of these hun-ired and two thousand varieties of pears is cultivation, yet there is source-ly may one neighborhood; in which more than shirty varieties will perfect ly succeed. Of course it takes time. patient persistence, and no small expense to learn which, out of the large number in cultivation, are the twentyfive or thirty varieties that are to supply us. Fortunately there are some that have stready been proved to be well adapted to this region. The

but was not more than half as large as fruit it can sustain, but cannot sustain more than one-tourth as much fruit as the extra tree, and is about one fourth its size. The result of this experiment has led me to decide to sell no more second-class pear trees, without first

taking them. Another condition is a good clay der. subsoil. Pear roots love clay. The The Malian Gentleman Who feet deep in clay. The clay subsoil is of more importance than the nature of the surface soil. I should think that pear trees would do well on bottom land on the high banks near our rivers, as this alluvial formation has to buy a lottery ticket with? I dreammuch clay, but I have had no experi- ed last night that 41.144 was going to cace on such soils. Situations having draw the capital prize, and I want to adobe or chalk within three or four buy that number, feet of the surface will hardly do for He gave the girl three francs, and pears. I have seen good success with next day on happening to look at the dwarf, and should never be cultivate | dwarfs on clay with adobe about eight report of the drawing, saw that 41,as a standard. On the other hand feet below the surface. Standards 144 had drawn the capital prize of would have failed there.

Another essential condition is good curately, \$100,000. twenty five years, while the standard drainage. Pear trees are so sensitive Returning quietly to the house ho upon this subject that they will give concealed his emotion and said to the productive standard trees that are the drainage is defective your trees served with approbation your piety. if you fail in this particular you will culated to adorn the highest station. so situated that the water does not run are." off quickly, and open ditches are objectionable, then make under drains 3 ft. deep about 40 ft. apart, but secure drainage or use for something else the money you would pay for pear trees.

[Concluded next week]

#### Rye Bread.

Take one pint of rye flour, half pint dove." corn meal, half-pint wheat flour, one teaspoonful sugar, one teaspoonful salt, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, one spoonful shortning, one pint sweet friar's cell, where we shall be made milk. Mix all the ingredients togeth- one." er, except the lard, and sift. Rub in the lard thoroughly, after sifting the turned clad in red, red shawl with a flour; then add the milk and mix into black velvet bonnet trimmed with a smooth batter, and bake in a narrow tin pan, fifty minutes, in a moderate oven. Protect the loaf with paper the that he lives in one of the best pear first twenty-five minutes. When done, put a piece of butter the size of a wal been said and written that there is no nut in a music cloth and rub all over

THE State Legislature met at Ausquirements has eaused many failures tin on the 14th inst. Leigh Chalmers | ber the ticket in the lottery that you with the pear. This fruit exacts very of Travis was elected Secretary of the dreamed about, and I gave you three precise conditions, or it will fail. Ele- Senate, and Coebran of Dallas Speak. Irones to but? Where is it my ownest?" ments of nourishment to which one er of the House, with I ambert of Har | "it I didn't buy it. I seent the voriety is quite indifferent are by oth- ris Chief Clerk.

A little while ago I shood by the grave of the old Napoless—a magnificent tomb of gilt and gold. It almost for a deed deity—and grant more the asycophagus of black harman marble, where test at last the state of that restless man, & based out the bal-lustrade and thought about the Career of the greatest soldier of the modern world. I saw him walking upon the banks of the Seine contemplating cuicide; I saw him at Toulon; I saw him putting down the meb in the streets of Pario; I sow him at the boad of the well adapted to this region. The Duchess de Ahgouleme, Andrews, Doyenne de Ete, are entirely successful. Dwarfs of these varieties from six to eight years of age beer heavy crops of fruit equal to the same varieties anywhere. The Bartlett, Washington, Early, Cluster, Trout, Flemish Beauty, Heary IV, and several other varieties come later into bearing, but varieties come later into bearing, but his legions, like winter's withered are productive and valuable here.

One cendition of success is to get leat and disaster, driven by a million beyonets back from Paris, clutched like a wild beast, banished to hips. do cost more, and get the right varieties. Seven years ago I planted three Duchess de Angouleme as an experiment. I used trees which I would class respectively as extra, first-class and second-class, I wished to see if, with good care, the weaker tree would not grow to equal the other. The extra would a low the an arrangent to the corphass and widows he had not grow to equal the other. The extra would not grow to equal the other. The extra would not grow to equal the other. The extra would not grow to equal the other. The extra would not grow to equal the other. The extra would not grow to equal the other of the care would not grow to equal the other. The extra would not grow to equal the other of the care would not grow to equal the other of the care would not grow to equal the other of the care would not grow to equal the other of the care would not grow to equal the other of the care would not grow to equal the other of the genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the torce of his genius. I saw him escape and retake an empire by tra tree would now be an ornament to for his glory, and of the only woman any orchard, large, thrifty and loaded who ever level him pushed from his with fruit. The first class tree was with fruit. The first class tree was heart by the cold hand of ambition.

And I said I would rather have been accident. a French peasant and worn wooden shoes; I would rather have lived in a the tree classed as extra. The second hut, with a vine growing over the door, class tree looks thrifty, has all the and the grapes growing purple in the fruit it can sustain, but cannot sustain kisses of the autumn sun; I would rather have been that poor peasant, with my loving wife by my side, knitting as the day died out of the sky, with my children upon my knees, and their arms about me, I would rather have been that mun, sud gone down to the trangueless silence of the dreamhaving cautioned the purchaser against less dust, than to have been that imperial impersonation of force and mur-

#### roots of a standard pear will go thirty Ilad a Nice Liste Servant Girl. [From the French.]

An Italian gentleman with a pice little income bad a nice little servant who said to him one morning: "O, if you please, won't you give me a franc-

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no real success without disinage. If servant girl, "Susan, I have long obwill decline and die according to the beauty, modesty, skill in the art of degree of the defect in drainage. So cookery, and other good qualities calfail altogether, however complete ev- Be mine. Let me lead you to the hyery other provision. If your plot is menial altar, No delay. Just s you

"Honest Injun?" said the blushing

"You bet. I swear by yonder silver spoon that tips with beauty all the fruit-pie top"-

"Then count me in, and regard mo hereafter in the light of your turtle

"Hasten then, Susan; put on your bonnet and shawl, and bet us take a walk around the block to the old

In a few minutes the bride elect resunflowers and Victoria regia. In a few minutes more the ceremony had been performed, and the twain were one. They returned to the house where the busband took up the paper and said with a well counterfeited start of surprise :

"Darling, everything is bright for us on our wedding day. You remem-

money for this duck of a bounet."